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Patricia G. Sehorn
Astoria, Oregon

Top Winner, Division A



Nancy James
Greensboro, North Carolina
First Place, Division B

Citizenship Contest Winners Announced

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Cover

These top winners in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest will receive a cash award of \$200 plus a grant (to a maximum of \$200) for expenses of attending the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11. Their winning "Letters" are published on Page 4 of this issue.

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from the General Secretary . . .

A WITNESS!

Many young people across the North American continent have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and as Lord of their lives through Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Someone has said that not too many of us have been called upon to be lawyers, but all of us have been called upon to be witnesses—for God. Annually Christian Endeavor International, through its Christian Citizenship Crusade and by its Citizenship Contest, gives opportunity to young people to stand up and be counted—for Christ in a secular world.

We enthusiastically salute the young people who have won Albert H. Diebold Awards in the eighth annual contest just completed. Equal praise goes to all those who received lesser recognition and to every participant, winner or not. The exercise in speaking your Christian convictions has been a profitable one for each of you. Other pages of this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD carry complete announcement of the winners. The awards will be presented to the winners at the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, July 6-11. We congratulate too the many Citizenship Chairmen in the states and provinces as well as the host of judges in those areas, along with the international judges and Citizenship Director Robert C. Ross for an outstanding contest.

AN OPPORTUNITY!

The life-blood of Christian Endeavor International, financially speaking, is the annual Membership Mobilization, including the Society Roll Call and the Cost-For-A-Day Movement. The backbone of the Membership Mobilization is the annual invitation letter—nearly forty thousand of them—used to remind folks of the need for undergirding the work of this movement. Producing these letters each year taxes the capacity of our very technical equipment, two specially constructed electromatic typewriters mounted on highly specialized bases. The typewriters and the supporting machines have given out. We were able to nurture them through the preparation for the 1959 Membership effort, but eight years is a long life for these pieces of equipment—eight years and millions of individual key strokes.

We face an immediate investment of \$2,400 to replace this needed equipment. Failure to replace it will mean the serious curtailment of the Membership effort and a resultant reduction in income. Here is an opportunity! Perhaps you have been looking for a good place to invest part of your tithe; perhaps you know someone who has a concern for this type of specialized giving. Right now, will you take it upon yourself to see that a gift is directed to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio—marked for the equipment replacement fund. We'll be grateful

VACATION BOUND!

Still making plans for that 1959 vacation? Make it the best yet! Come to Philadelphia July 6-11 for the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention. "Within the reach of all" is the best way to describe this year's convention. Special arrangements with the Benjamin Franklin Hotel make it possible for a delegate to take in this once-in-a-lifetime experience on only \$35 plus transportation. And right in the heart of the many historic sites for which the City of Brotherly Love is famed, the world over. See you in Philadelphia—register today!

Harold Westerhoff

4 Young People Win Honors in 1959 Citizenship Contest

**Albert H. Diebold Awards for Winners
To Be Presented July 8 in Philadelphia
During 45th International Convention**

The winners in Christian Endeavor's eighth annual Citizenship Contest will be honored during the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia this July, according to announcement made recently by Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to contest winners on Wednesday evening, July 8. Speaker for this convention session will be Dr. Daniel K. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Patricia Sehorn and Nancy James, who took top honors in the contest, will participate in the convention program that night.

Winners were selected on the basis of "A Letter to My Editor" on **SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP!** along with a service record indicating the character and activities of the contestant.

Letters were actually mailed by each contestant to the editor of a local newspaper and many have been published.

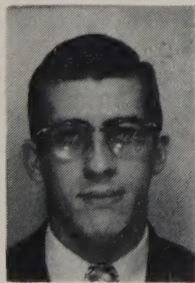
Contestants were judged in two divisions—Division A for all in 12th grade and below; Division B for those who had completed 12th grade but were under 18 on February 2.

Top winners in each division were selected in each state or province; these winners then were judged for regional honors.

First place contestants in each of the regions were eligible for the International judging. Final winners in the contest were selected by this board of judges: Kenneth L. Wilson, managing editor of **CHRISTIAN HERALD** magazine; A. Richard Diebold, Christian businessman of New York City; and Dr. Daniel K. Poling, minister of Fort Washington Collegiate Church, New York City.



Cecil Puckett, Jr.
North Carolina
Southern (A)



David Jackson
New York
Middle Atlantic (B)



Mary I. Beatty
Ohio
Great Lakes (A)



Ronald L. Bush
Michigan
Great Lakes (B)

For their achievement in placing second in the 1959 Citizenship Contest, each of these young men will be awarded \$100 cash. Information about their many activities will be found on Page 5 of this issue of **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR** WORLD.

Winners of the third place award in each division, these young people will each receive \$50 at the Wednesday night session of the Philadelphia Convention. Both Mary and Ronald have served as members of the Youth Assembly of the International Society.

THE WINNERS

**First Award—\$200 each and
Trip to Philadelphia Convention**

Division A

Patricia G. Sehorn, Astoria, Oregon

Division B

Nancy James, Greensboro,
North Carolina

Second Award—\$100 each

Division A

Cecil Puckett, Jr., Charlotte,
North Carolina

Division B

David Jackson, Derby, New York

Third Award—\$50 each

Division A

Mary I. Beatty, Covington, Ohio

Division B

Ronald L. Bush, Holland, Michigan

Runners-Up in Finals—\$25 each

(Pictures on Page 5)

Division A

Joyce A. Biswurm, Ashaway,
Rhode Island

Charles W. Chance, Houston, Texas
Irene B. Harmelink, Aurora, Colorado

Rosemary Leseiko, Ambridge,
Pennsylvania

John McCullough, Toronto, Ontario
Hjalmer Tschetter, Doland,
South Dakota

Division B

Carol M. Brown, Three Rivers,
Massachusetts

Larry D. Dale, Golden, Colorado

Elaine J. Kleyn, Lester, Iowa
Mrs. Peter Mundy, St. Eustache,
Quebec

Dewey L. Wiles, Midway City,
California

**Recognition Certificates and
Award Emblems**

To all winners listed above and to all state and provincial winners whose names and photos appear on Page 6.

Honor Certificates

To all other qualified participants who completed their "Letters" and Service Records.

Letters... Dear Mr. Editor:



Each young person who entered Citizenship Contest sent a copy of "Letter" to the editor of a local newspaper.

Speak for Christian Citizenship!

Patricia G. Sehorn, high school junior of Astoria, Oregon, prepared this letter which helped her win first place in Division A.

Mr. F. L. Andrus, Editor
Astorian-Budget
987 Duane Street
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Citizens of America are living in a great scientific age, realizing achievements never before experienced by man; but they are also living in an unbelieving age, where the home and the church are no longer an integral part of their lives. We have drawn away from the very fundamentals our country was based on, and the Christian ideals established by our forefathers.

From the very first, God was included in all the plans and hopes of men for a really free nation. All the important documents of early America proclaimed the people's faith in God's guidance. Christian men, like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, were selected by the people to lead the nation through the early trials. These men, despite their great personal courage and strength, always looked to God for guidance and entrusted to Him the destiny of the United States.

Is now the time to draw away from the very ideals that made America great? Each and every citizen, realizing the vital role he plays in the government, should fulfill the obligation he owes to his forefathers and to the generations to come. He should strive to carry on the nation's principles through his power as a citizen.

To reaffirm America's Christian ideals, I believe our government needs a revival of Christian Citizenship. Speaking as a youth, I feel we have an abundant number of "good" citizens—men and women who support the government through a moralistic feeling, and uphold all the right ideals because they are interested in preserving their way of life. Their intentions are good—they want to do the right thing for their country—Christian Citizenship means more than just doing the right thing. It means upholding our country's original foundation—Christian faith, and including it in our whole life—in the home, community, and the nation. The Christian citizen lives by the ideals set down by Jesus, and has the interests of the whole nation at heart.

A Christian nation could better fight prejudice, a problem so vital in America today. Through the eyes of a Christian person we are all equal in God's sight, regardless of color or creed. Acceptance of this fact by all people would eliminate racial and religious discrimination.

The Youth of America have a great test facing them in the years to come, combating communism and the misconstrued ideals set down for the world by Russia. How much easier this test will be for us if we have faith in God's righteousness.

Christian Citizenship is an answer to so many of the problems facing America today. A nation testifying to, and guided by God could save the world, for "If ye continue in my love, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Sincerely,

Patricia Sehorn

This winning letter in Division B was written by Nancy James, a junior at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Editor
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

That our nation was founded on Christian principles is evidenced in the Constitution of the United States. Today many of these principles are not practiced by a considerable percentage of Americans. In almost every newspaper we read or radio or television broadcast we hear, there is proof of this fact. We read and hear about narcotics addiction, evils caused by liquor, and the many other vices rampant in our nation. Many people are so worried about nuclear weapons and war that they let go by unnoticed the things that could tear down our country from the inside as well as destruction from an outside source could. As long as citizens are full of fear they cannot think

intelligently enough to recognize the destruction these vices might cause. And they certainly cannot make any progress toward remedying the situation unless they are aware that it exists. I believe certain people turn to narcotics, liquor, and the like because they are afraid. They shrink from making the countless decisions that must be made in the twentieth century and, therefore, seek means of withdrawing from reality. In a culture emphasizing competition they fear failure in business, in love, in grades, and in any task they might undertake. The way to overcome this fear is to rely on the peace of God. The true peace of God comes only to those who are completely yielded to His will for their lives, and this yielding comes through obedience to God's word and a daily consecration to God through prayer.

Youth may be prone to think they can be of no help toward liquidating the vices of their particular community. It is true that the elder persons probably have more chances to do something about the vices that threaten our nation, but there are many ways in which young people can help. One way is by winning others to Christ, either

by testifying of the work He has done in their lives or by their very actions. Showing their love for Christ in their homes and community, they can help to win other persons to Christ and, thereby, build a better community. Having been won to Christ, these people will be better citizens of the community and, thus, of the nation. Every young person should feel the responsibility of doing his best work in his studies and in the extracurricular activities of his school. Often non-Christian students think that a person cannot be outstanding, have friends, and be a true Christian also. That it behooves Christian youth to prove the inaccuracy of this idea.

Neither one adult nor one young person can build a better community, but many persons, relying on God's grace and peace, can do the job. It is certainly true that we must be concerned about outside forces that seek to destroy us; but let us not, in the meantime, forget the domestic evils.

Sincerely yours,

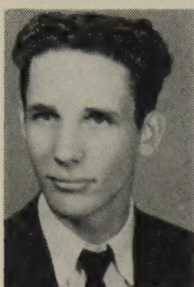
Nancy James

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

Runners-Up in Citizenship Contest Finals



Gayle A. Biswurm
Rhode Island
New England (A)



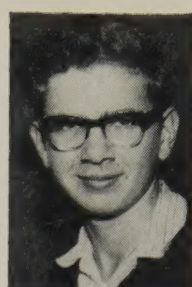
Charles W. Chance
Texas
Southwestern (A)



Irene B. Harmelink
Colorado
Rocky Mountain (A)



Rosemary Leseiko
Pennsylvania
Middle Atlantic (A)



John McCullough
Ontario
Canadian (A)



Hjalmer Tschetter
South Dakota
Central (A)



Carol M. Brown
Massachusetts
New England (B)



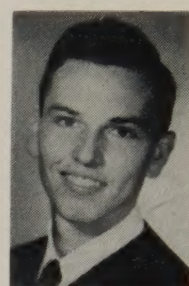
Larry D. Dale
Colorado
Rocky Mountain (B)



Elaine J. Kleyn
Iowa
Central (B)



Mrs. Peter Mundy
Quebec
Canadian (B)



Dewey L. Wiles
California
Pacific (B)

Let's Meet the Winners...

MARICIA SEHORN—This 16-year-old who took top honors in Division A is a senior at Astoria (Oregon) High School and attends First Christian Church. She is secretary-treasurer of the high school Christian Endeavor society and is editor of the *ASTER*, newspaper of the Coast Union. Maricia sings in the Youth for Christ choir and attends their weekly meetings regularly. Journalism is her chief interest; at high school she is a member of the school newspaper staff and co-exchange editor. She is also a member of National Junior Honor Society and of Future Teachers of America. Maricia hopes to combine journalistic work with her work in the church as her career.

NANCY JAMES—A junior at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, Nancy is first place winner in Division B. Her home is in Winston-Salem, where she is an active member of Central Presbyterian Church. She has served as church pianist for several years, as well as assistant pianist and pianist. When the new Christian Endeavor society was formed at her church a year ago, Nancy was elected secretary. This year she served as Membership Mobilization Chairman for the North Carolina Union and participated in a television program during Christian Endeavor Week. She is preparing to enter the field of foods and nutrition. At college she is president of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. She is 17 years old.

CECIL PUCKETT, JR.—Second place winner in Division A, Cecil is 16 years old and is a senior at Astoria High School, Astoria, 1959.

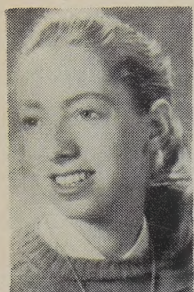
and in tenth grade at Central High School, Charlotte, North Carolina. An active member of Central Avenue Methodist Church, he is president of the Youth Fellowship and teaches Sunday school. He is also program chairman for the district Methodist Youth Fellowship. In Youth Temperance Council activities he is president of the group in his local church, district vice-president, and state treasurer; he is also a champion YTC speaker for North Carolina. Recently Cecil led a youth revival at his own church. Active in many high school organizations, he has also conducted afternoon prayer groups there. He plans to enter the ministry.

DAVID G. JACKSON—A junior at Buffalo State Teachers College, David is a member of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, where his minister is Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. This 22-year-old youth, who placed second in Division B in the contest, is planning to enter full-time Christian service. His many church activities including teaching a Sunday school class for high school boys and serving as counselor of the Intermediate society. He was chairman of the local banquet celebrating Christian Endeavor's 78th birthday. David is Western Regional Director of the New York State union and has represented New York on the Youth Assembly of the International Society.

MARY I. BEATTY—No stranger as a winner, Mary took regional honors in Division A in the 1957 Citizenship Contest. This

year she placed third in the finals in the same division. On February 2 Mary was elected president of the newly-organized Miami Valley Christian Endeavor Union. Her father is minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Covington, Ohio, where Mary is very active. She sings in the choir and serves as president of the Christian Endeavor group. She has attended many Ohio Union conventions and fall conferences as well as the last three International Conventions. Mary regularly attends presbytery rallies of Westminster Fellowship and is active in Youth for Christ, serving on the local Quiz Team. She will be 18 in May and will graduate from Covington High School this year. She plans to become an elementary school teacher.

RONALD LEE BUSH—Winner of third place honors in Division B, Ronald is a sophomore at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. His home is in Kalamazoo, where he attends First Reformed Church. Offices held in his local Christian Endeavor society include president, vice-president, treasurer, and program chairman. Ronald has been very active in both the Kalamazoo and the Michigan Unions and has twice served as a delegate to the Youth Assembly of International Society. He is top Booster at the present time in the **CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD Awards Program**. Other activities include attending the National Youth Assembly of his denomination this year. In the community he has served two years as a coach for Little League baseball.



Barbara F. Becknell
California (A)



Elaine M. Lockwood
Connecticut (A)



Wanda L. Hill
D. C. (A)



Jesse Creal
Florida (A)



Jayne Miller
Illinois (A)



Ann C. Eddings
Indiana (A)

State and Provincial Contest Winners

Recognition Certificates and Award Emblems
Will Be Awarded to All Winners Pictured

A—indicates the youth is in the division for those in high school or
below on February 2

B—indicates the youth is in the division for those out of high school
but who had not reached their 25th birthday by February 2



Nancy Hilliard
Kansas (A)



Nancy Bratcher
Kentucky (A)



Ralph Johnson, Jr.
Massachusetts (A)



Mary Ream
Michigan (A)



Ruth E. Bromby
New Jersey (A)



Peter M. Paulsen
New York (A)



Cleo Pennington
Tennessee (A)



Janet L. Branum
Virginia (A)



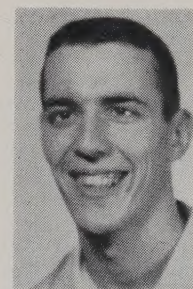
Betty Ritz
West Virginia (A)



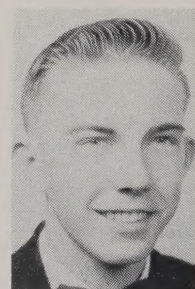
Margaret Turner
Connecticut (B)



Eva McFalls
Georgia (B)



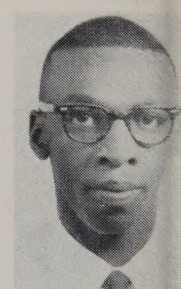
Chalmer West, Jr.
Indiana (B)



Robert K. Haines
Maryland (B)



Joanne Pumphrey
Missouri (B)



Ryan Thompson,
New Jersey (B)



Eva M. Hykes
Ohio (B)



Elizabeth Pakozdi
Ontario (B)



Jane K. Barkley
Pennsylvania (B)



Judith E. Gano
Tennessee (B)



Immajean Gallimore
Virginia (B)



Barbara A. Knight
Wisconsin (B)

Thank You and God Bless You

Once again I have had occasion to test the affirmation of my personal faith. After rugged days and nights, I am making a sound recovery from a major operation into which I came suddenly and without warning. Wonderful surgeons, doctors and nurses were with me and my loved ones and friends lifted me up upon a veritable tide of prayer. How I wish I could personally reply to each of you. But this utterly inadequate expression of gratitude that cannot be voiced or written in words is the best and most that I can do.

Thank you, thank you, and always and forever, God bless you.

Daniel A. Poling



Dan Poling, in light coat, at club with some of members

Handicapped Youth Helps to Relax Gang Tensions

By MEYER BERGER*

ENDEAVORER HONORED

The Christian Endeavor societies and the congregation of Second Christian Church of Houston, Texas, recently honored Donna Sue White at a Sunday morning service.

For the past 18 months the Christian Endeavorers have been in charge of mid-week prayer services at the church, where average attendance has increased from 6 or 7 to at least 50.

The youth provide the song leader, the devotionals, and lead in personal witnessing. The quoting of Scripture before the congregation divides into three separate units for the actual time of prayer—men, women, and youth.

Donna Sue was instrumental in arranging for the youth to take over these services and for the past six months has served as director. During the whole 18 month period she has not missed one Wednesday night.

Donna Sue is an officer in the Harris County Union, teaches in Sunday school, is song leader for her Christian Endeavor society, and is active in drama, swimming, bowling and other school activities.

THE PLEDGE IN SONG

Tune: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
Relying on Jesus my strength to supply,
I vow that to please Him in all things I'll try.

The rule of my life I will make it each day,
My Bible to read and in secret to pray.

The Church both my presence and help
shall receive,

For conscience a reason to Jesus must give.
Throughout my whole life, just as far as I know,

I'll firmly endeavor the Christ life to show.

As an Active Endeavorer, I vow to be true,
And answer to Jesus for what I should do.

To speak, read or pray and each service
attend,

And if hindered from roll-call some token
to send.

Reprinted from *THE ROLL CALL*, published by the New South Wales (Australia) Christian Endeavor Union

A YEAR ago last August a 15-year-old boy was stabbed to death in Highbridge Park, on Washington Heights, New York. Four other neighborhood boys are now in prison for the murder.

Dan Poling, who is 21 now, a junior majoring in sociology and in political science at Hunter College, brooded over the killing. He wanted to get in with the lads mixed up in neighborhood gang wars. He wanted to end the fighting.

It would have been brave in any man; it was heroic in Dan. A birth injury had left him spastic. Every syllable and every step is a fresh agony.

The Polings have been churchmen for generations. At least ten have worn the cloth. Mr. Poling's father, the Rev. Daniel K. Poling, shepherds the flock at the Washington Heights Collegiate Church. His grandfather, the Rev. Daniel A. Poling, is a distinguished clergyman, head of Christian Endeavor.

Young Daniel went to them for advice on his notion of working with neighborhood gangs. They backed him. Through Police Lieut. William Brennan he met some of the boy leaders. The young man talked to them through John M. Kenny, a Young Men's Christian Association worker. They met with Dan at his home in Yonkers.

THERE would have to be a clubroom for the boys. Mr. Poling went out on his own and collected \$2,000. He got some from merchants, some from Floyd Kramer, a banker; some from Herbert Abramson of the Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce.

All that took time. Mr. Poling could work only after school hours. But he kept at it. Landlords were reluctant to rent space for a boy's club. The shadow of Michael Farmer's stabbing lay across the district.

Finally Mr. Poling got a narrow little store at 170 Audubon Avenue, between 173rd and 174th Streets. He put in some rickety tables, half a table-tennis table, a beat-up radio, an old television set.

* Permission *The New York Times*

Peggy Beattie, an art major at Hunter—she's an 18-year-old freshman—decorated.

Dan had conceived the badge, the hand-grip inside a circle bearing the legend: "Who Builds His Community Builds Himself." He calls the project "Operation Handclasp."

"Everyone told me it couldn't be done," he says. "They said I was crazy. Maybe I am."

He smiles when he says it, and the smile certifies his soundness. He says that if his plans work out in the neighborhood—if he can develop a warm community feeling in which the boys and their parents share, then it should work in other places in the city.

And his idea seems to be working. Some of the very boys who were named in the Michael Farmer killing come to the club after school. They play checkers and chess.

SOME of the boys wove rugs for Christmas presents for their mothers. Some are doing things in shells, beads and leather for gifts for their sisters and brothers. To get them interested in such things wasn't easy. Most of the lads are more than a little hard.

Before Christmas they held their first community party in Audubon Hall. They decorated the place. Admission was 75 cents, if you brought a Christmas tree ornament: \$1 if you brought no ornament. They got a good crowd.

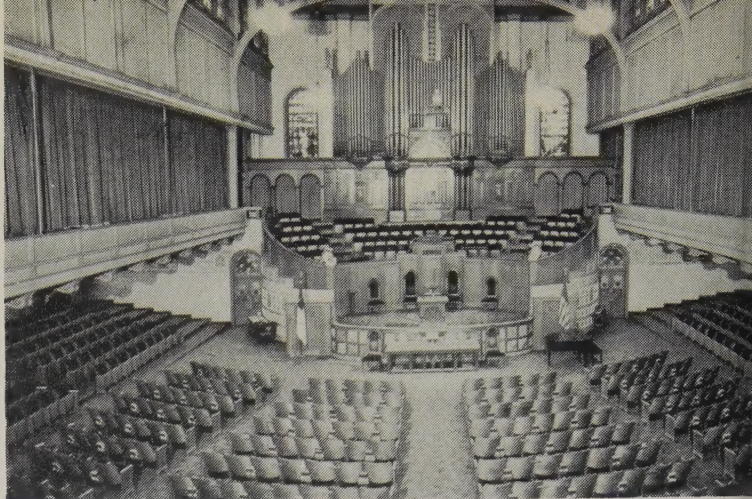
If Dan Poling can raise more money he will buy hi-fi kits for the lads to assemble for the club. He will try to get them athletic equipment, books, better tables, materials for making better jewelry and for working in ceramics.

He will try to get more space. The clubroom next to Lim's Laundry is overcrowded now. If funds come through, he wants to take in lads from 12 to 16 years old. In the club now are youth from 16 to 20.

Daniel A. Poling, II, is the grandson of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and the son of Dr. Daniel K. Poling, who served as one of the International judges in Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest.

PHILADELPHIA July 6-11- A Convention That's "Tops"

Thousands of Youth to Attend
Convention in the City of Brotherly Love;
Many Special Features Planned



Interior view of Baptist Temple, where evening mass meetings will be held during the Philadelphia Convention.

Great plans are being made for the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11.

The convention opens on Monday evening, July 6, with President Earle W. Gates bringing the keynote message. Other evening speakers include Dr. Harry C. Denman, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Dr. Ross H. Stover, minister of Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia; and Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Christian Endeavor Union.

At the great closing session on Saturday evening Dr. Harold John Ockenga of Park Street Church, Boston, will speak. This follows the Christian Witness Parade through the streets of downtown Philadelphia Saturday afternoon.

A convention "first" will be recorded on Thursday evening, July 9, when a unique "floating session" is held. Delegates will sail down the Delaware River on the S.S. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA for the evening mass meeting.

Other evening sessions will be held in Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks Streets,

which accommodates 3,500. Daytime activities will center in the headquarters hotel, the air-conditioned Benjamin Franklin Hotel in downtown Philadelphia.

A new convention feature will be the Quiet Hour and Bible Study each morning by age groups, with these leaders: Junior High (Intermediate) — Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society; Senior High—Rev. George C. Lurwick, St. Luke Methodist Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; Young People—Mr. Pagel; and Adult—Dr. Norman W. Paullin of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

The popular general assembly period will be held each day, under the direction of Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society. Of course, there will be the usual "school" of the convention with many fine leaders sharing in the conferences.

A feature of the Thursday evening "floating session" will be the Talent and Testimony Time, with hosts of young people participating. Delegates are urged to bring to Philadelphia any musical instruments, music, etc., which might be needed for participation.

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Oregon Union has taken first honor in Division B at every report period to date.

Parade positions will be determined by the standings of unions at the close of the contest June 15.



Ward Abusamra



Dr. Peter Vroom

Ward Abusamra, who will serve as soloist leader at the Philadelphia Convention, has been soloist and director of music at the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor summer conference at Northfield for over ten years. Popular throughout New England, Mr. Abusamra is professor of music, in charge of vocal and choral activities, at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

The minister of Baptist Temple, where evening convention sessions will be held, Dr. Peter Vroom will take charge of the communion service on Saturday morning, July 11. Dr. Vroom is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Temple University in 1956.

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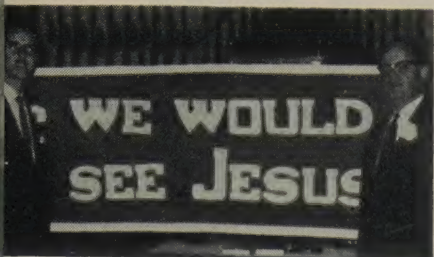


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John Thuss (left), president of Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) County Union, and Harold E. Esterhoff, general secretary of the International Society, stand before the theme banner at recent installation Rally.

Officers of the Philadelphia Union for the coming year were installed by Norman Hauder at the county convention held March 7 in Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. Edwin Houk was the speaker at the installation rally.

Preceding the rally a preview of Philadelphia '59 was given, followed by a banquet at which Arch McQuilkin was toastmaster.

Philadelphia Endeavorers met at Simpson Methodist Church on Easter Sunday for their annual sunrise service.

MEXICAN UNION HEAD

David Salas Macias of Mexico City is the head of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union.

Mr. Macias is a primary school and high school teacher and is studying now to be a lawyer.

He has served two terms as president of his Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Union and is a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Macias is married and the father of three children, David, Esther, and Ruth.



David Macias

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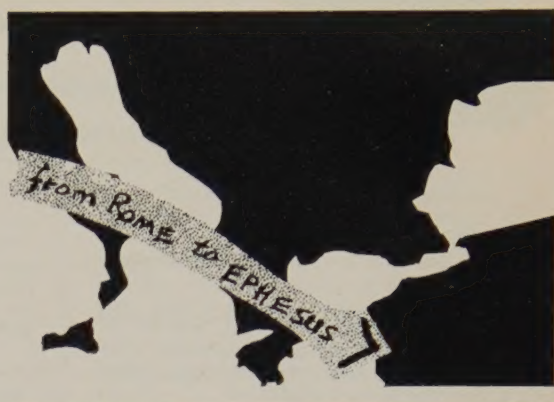
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Having FAITH, Seek UNITY

Paul writes to
a Christian
flock he loves

By
BERT H. DAVIS



IN PAUL'S time Ephesus in Asia Minor was a center of paganism and sorcery. Pilgrims from many lands converged on the city's temple to Diana, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

In this center of superstition and exploitation, Paul was the human means for founding a Christian church and community of uncommon quality. Chapters 19 and 20 of the Acts of the Apostles tell of the early days of this courageous mission. We know Ephesus also as a place in which Paul tarried two to three years, conducting a form of Christian education for Jews and gentiles alike, instead of relying mainly on preaching.

But Ephesus and its Christian flock are given even more significance for today's faithful because these believers, having faith, were urged to *seek unity* as one of the gifts or mysteries God wants man to receive. Of present-day application are many of the counsels of the message sent from prison, about 62 A.D., which we know as the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

AS HE writes, Paul continues to receive reports from the Christian communities that resulted from his missionary journeys (Ephesians 1:15; Colossians 1:4). So favorable are the tidings from Ephesus that the apostle now urges more than *holding to the faith*, which is the burden of other epistles, such as Galatians, which precedes Ephesians in our New Testament.

For the flock in Diana's pagan capital, Paul has more mature and advanced truths to impart—a mystery, suited to those who have mastered his first teachings (1:9; 3:3-14; 5:30-32). He preaches unity, or oneness, or wholeness to these believers.

1. Gentiles like Jews have been called by God, and are fellow heirs (3:6), sharing in the same "promise in Christ."

2. There is grace in and through Christ for "every one of us" (4:7).

3. A variety of gifts and talents—and duties—work together for Christ as we "grow up unto Him in all things" (4:11-15). See I Corinthians 12, probably written from Ephesus; we may believe he had earlier

given this teaching by word of mouth while he conducted his leadership-training school.

4. The principles of good will, unity and reasonable discipline, so necessary in serving God in Christ, are commended as the rules for daily living (5:22-28; 6:1-9).

In brief, says Paul, see life whole and live it whole, "in Christ." The unity the Saviour brings between the Father and man is the "mystery" to be applied in all types of human relationships. First believe, for to this God calls us; then show forth the glad faith in good will, harmony, unity.

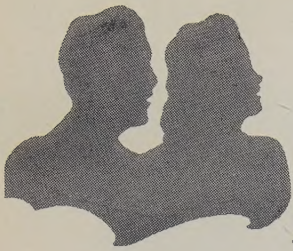
The truths are important for any church in any century, but Paul by example shows us *successful method* in imparting truth. His letter to the Ephesians is keyed to themes with which this flock is familiar: (1) the mystery, "all things in Christ, . . . in heaven, . . . on earth" (1:10) is the worthy substitute for those pagan secrets in which Diana's priests and sorcerers traded; (2) the Lord's "holy temple" (2:10, 20-22) is no structure with scores of sculptured marble pillars, like Diana's, but a fellowship of souls "in Christ"; (3) God and man are linked "in Christ," who both ascended and descended to offer "gifts unto men" (chapter 4), contrasting with the local tradition that the statue of Diana in the temple at Ephesus came down from heaven as a gift of the pagan gods; (4) Christians are arrayed always against powerful and wicked forces (6:10-16), as the faithful Ephesians know from daily experience; (5) Christ is our "sacrifice to God" (5:2), reminding Ephesian Christians, however tempted, to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (5:8-16).

So a message noble and inspired—a notable sermon on unity in Christ—also offers an example for minister and missionary, teacher and layman, in teaching Christian faith in terms that relate closely to the learner's experience and environment. So taught Jesus, as we know, for He constantly utilized plain short stories, or parables, to lead the people's thinking from everyday happenings toward spiritual truths.

Ephesians has been called "the book of one and of all." Note these references, and look for others: 1:10,22; 2:14; 3:9; 6:24. See also 2:6 ("together").

Does Paul teach that man could earn his own salvation? See Ephesians 2:7-9; 4:7; Colossians 1:21-28; Titus 3:5-8.

With Young Adults



How to Rate on a Date

No. 1 in a Series: "Dating and Marriage"

II Timothy 2:22; I Thessalonians 4:4,5; I Timothy 4:12

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by James Humphreys*

Note to the Leader

This is the first in a series of four topics on "Dating and Marriage." Look through the material for the other three; if you can arrange it, sit down with the leaders of those meetings to work out a common "plan of attack." For your own meeting, here are a few things to consider:

1. *Adopt the topic to fit the age level and interests of your society.* If your group includes many ages, divide it into smaller graded units for the discussion.

2. *Don't settle for easy answers.* The problems Christian youth face in their dating life are very real, and you as the leader should be careful not to brush them off with stock answers. Try to make everyone feel that he can express freely what he really thinks.

3. *Close with a short consecration service,* built around Romans 12:1 and the references for this topic. Stress that being a Christian involves every area of life.

Discussion Starters

Here are some suggestions on how to put this topic across.

1. *Question Box.* Ask each person, at the start of the meeting (or a week before if possible), to write a question about "Dating and the Christian life." Let a panel of several youth and a parent or counselor try to find answers.

2. *Date-Rating.* Boys and girls meet separately in small buzz groups for about 15 minutes to list the five best and five worst "date traits" of members of the opposite sex. Have a recorder from each buzz group report its findings to the whole society for further discussion.

3. *Film or filmstrip.* Find out what your local or denominational film library has to offer. Don't use this kind of presentation simply as entertainment, but follow it with group discussion of the main points involved. A suggested resource is the Family Films kit on dating (ages 15-17), which includes two 33-1/3 rpm records and four cartoon-style filmstrips: "Going Steady," "Falling in Love," "Conduct on a Date," "When Should I Marry?"

4. *Brainstorming.* Ask for as many specific ways to "rate on a date" as possible in a 15 minute period, with no comments or criticisms allowed. (Someone should keep a record of the ideas expressed.) Later a committee of two or three can boil down the list and report back to the society for discussion.

5. *Role-Playing.* If your group has had some experience with role-playing, work up a few dating situations in advance (check "People and Problems" below) and

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PURPOSE

This topic is an attempt to consider dating in the light of a total Christian commitment, and to help Christian young people find answers to their own dating problems.

use this technique to present them for discussion.

6. *Talk-It-Over Session.* Discuss such areas as the Christian attitude toward sex; what television, motion pictures, and popular songs have to say about love; where Christian young people can go on a date; what to talk about on a date; etc.

Bible Background

II Timothy 2:22. Turn your back on the turbulent desires of youth and give your positive attention to goodness, faith, love and peace in company with all those who approach God in sincerity.

I Thessalonians 4:4,5. (See also vs. 1-8) Every one of you should learn to control his body, keeping it pure and treating it with respect, and never regarding it as an instrument for self-gratification, as do pagans with no knowledge of God.

I Timothy 4:12. Don't let people look down on you because you are young; see that they look up to you because you are an example to them in your speech and behavior, in your love and faith and sincerity.

—J. B. Phillips, *Letters to Young Churches*

People and Problems

1. Joyce, who is fairly active in her church, met Chuck at a small party and found herself spending most of the evening with him. She later discovered that he belonged to a church of her denomination, but hadn't attended regularly since junior high school days. The only drawback about him seemed to be that he knew he was good-looking—but since he was and since Joyce was a little flattered that he had chosen her, she saw him again once or twice in the next two weeks.

Until the third date she thought he was being sincere in what he said. But then came the all-too-familiar "line," and she realized that she was only the most recent of his attempted conquests. Disillusioned somewhat, she now confides to a friend that "All boys are the same" and "You can't believe anything they say."

Talk it over:

a. Is Joyce's general disillusionment about the opposite sex really fair?

b. Should she date Chuck any more, even though she has doubts about his sincerity?

c. How important is sincerity between fellows and girls, anyway?

2. Tom is a senior in high school and isn't No. 1 on anybody's popularity list. He hasn't done much in the way of school activities, taking part-time jobs instead. Although his grades are a little above aver-

age, he has no definite plans for college or anything else. His parents belong to nearby church and are active in their Sunday school class. However, the few times Tom went to the Christian Endeavor meetings he felt out of place, especially since some of the high school leaders seem to be running things there, too.

Tom is pretty well acquainted with the facts of sex, but has done little dating. Lately he has begun to spend more and more time with a group of fellows who are out for a good time, which includes car-rides and dates with girls from the wrong side of the tracks. He decides to forget about college and put some of the money he has saved into a used car. For him the important thing now is that he belongs.

Talk it over:

a. Is Tom's general problem a common one?

b. How should a youth group encourage the right kind of dating?

c. How can Christian young people help individuals like Tom?

These are only two examples of the problems young people meet in the area of dating. Below are some others for you to develop and discuss.

1. What happens when you date someone of a different faith, or of no religious belief at all?

2. Where to meet worthwhile boys and girls?—an important question if the number of active church youth is small.

3. What to do if the person you date has habits that annoy you, such as sloppiness, carelessness with language, smoking, reckless driving?

4. What can you do on a date?

Resources

Facts of Life and Love for Teen-age Girls, Evelyn M. Duvall, Associated Press. The paperback edition for 35c is available at bookstores. Excellent for all high-schoolers.

The Seven Teen Years, Alberta Brown, Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis.

"Sexual Morality" and "Christian Marriage," (Part III, ch. 5-6) from *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis. Worthwhile reading for older youth.

What Christianity Says About Sex, Love and Marriage, Roland H. Bainton. *Sex and the Christian Life*, Seward Hiltner. Both available at bookstores, 50c.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1222 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

Esther, the Courageous

No. 1 in a Series: "Leadership Qualities in Biblical Characters"

Esther 4:11-5:5



Senior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 7

Comments by Kate Vanderberg*

Focus of the Topic

To stimulate the alertness of the boys and girls to opportunities for the cultivation of leadership in the church.

To be courageous in serving Christ, bravely taking one's stand for the cause of righteousness.

To accept the fact that God has placed each one in his particular place "for such a time as this" and to seek God's will for one's life.

To respect the opinions of older Christians even though one does not see eye to eye with their ideas on the subject under discussion.

Suggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service

Announcements

Hymn Sing: *O Worship the King; Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus; I Need Jesus*

Scripture: Esther 4:11-5:5

Prayer

Offering

Hymn: *Only Believe*

Presentation of the Topic

Discussion of Questions

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Consecration Roll Call (Have the members respond with Scripture verses referring to courage in the Christian life and ask them to make short comments after quoting the passages)

Closing Hymn: *Trust and Obey*

Benediction

Preparation for the Meeting

Write the discussion questions on slips of paper, passing them out to the various members a week before the meeting. More than one person should have the same question that various angles of the question will be presented.

For the response at Roll Call, here is a list of suggested Bible verses dealing with courage: Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:6; 25; II Samuel 10:12; II Chronicles 11b; Psalm 27:14; 31:24; Isaiah 41:6b; Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:10. (Additional verses appropriate for this topic may be found in a Bible concordance under "Boldness" and "Confidence.")

Introducing the Topic

It takes a great deal of courage to live consecrated Christian life. It is not hard to live, for the world is full of living things, but to live courageously for God is another story. Perhaps you are familiar with the story about the coward who crept from the battlefield, broke his sword in two and threw it into the sand up to its hilt. The king's son came along; he had been wounded and had lost his sword in battle. He spied the coward's broken sword in the sand; he grasped it, pulled it from the

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May, 1959

DO YOU HAVE SUCH COURAGE?

We cannot speak as Esther spoke
Before her royal lord,
Nor bravely ask that lives of men
Be spared from bloody sword.

There's rare occasion to be brave
In a spectacular way;
And sway the hearts of those in power
As in brave Esther's day.

Still God speaks to our passive hearts,
In whispers soft and low,
Exhorting us to bravely serve
Him in life's ebb and flow.

Wrong still is wrong, and right is right,
As in the days of old,
And we must take our stand for Christ
As bravely and as bold

As good Queen Esther in her day
Spoke up for truth and right,
Let us for greater courage pray,
And strive with all our might

To bring God's heavenly kingdom in,
Urging men their hearts to search;
Press bravely on, with courage great,
For Christ and for His Church!

—Kate Vanderberg

sand, and with new courage, renewed his fight and won his cause.

Topic Presentation

Queen Esther had a decision to make just as everyone on his journey through life has decisions to make. She hesitated when first she received the instructions from Mordecai to appeal to King Ahasuerus on behalf of her people for she realized the danger involved in making the right decision. However, as the danger of the destruction of her people grew, Esther's courage also grew. As she decided to plead the cause of her people before the king, she cried, "If I perish, I perish!"

Esther was obviously used of God as the instrument in His hand through which He would save His people from the wicked designs of Haman who was being used by Satan to destroy God's people. Certainly God gave Esther the needed courage for her part in His work. She followed up her heroic decision with action. She dared to go into the presence of the king uncalled, which carried with it the penalty of death if the king so decreed.

There are some issues in life about which we cannot be neutral. We must have the courage to stand up for our Christian convictions. Our relationship to God is the most important matter in our lives. Are you willing to take a courageous stand for the cause of Christ in all the areas of your life? Are you living for Jesus with courage and enthusiasm in your home, your school, and your church? Do all those whose lives

touch yours in any way know by your conduct, attitudes, and your activities that you are serving the Lord Jesus Christ? God will give you the needed courage if you ask Him.

Questions for Discussion

1. Was it fair of Mordecai to expect Esther to risk her life for the cause of the Jews?

Answer. Yes, it was fair; Esther was the only one who could plead the cause of the Jewish people. In the event the king would receive her, the Jews would be spared from death.

2. Should a Christian place himself in a position which he knows will endanger his life?

Answer. An affirmative answer depends upon the reason for placing oneself in danger. If the cause is a righteous one and means the safekeeping of many lives, the answer is "Yes."

3. Does one's nationality have as great a claim upon one as Mordecai impressed upon Esther?

Answer. It is not a question of one's nationality, as such, having a claim; rather the claim of the people of God of whom Esther was one. Along with the blessing of being a Christian comes a corresponding responsibility of taking an active part for Christ and His Church.

4. Did Esther have such an exceptional amount of courage, that it would be almost an impossibility to equal it in our daily lives?

Answer. Esther did have an unusual degree of courage, but she showed it only after the great need for it presented itself. With God's help any Christian could show the same amount of courage, as the need for it arose.

Suggestions for Counselors and Leaders

This topic of "Esther, the Courageous" will fit itself nicely into a "television" program depicting the life of Esther in "This Is Your Life" style.

You may find it advisable to go into more detail regarding the historical setting of the Scripture lesson. This will depend upon the familiarity of your particular group of Junior Highs with Bible history.

Provide an opportunity to sign Quiet Hour Covenant cards at this consecration meeting. You could also distribute folders, "What Is the Quiet Hour?" These may be purchased for 35¢ a dozen from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Make final preparations for the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, July 6-11.



Falling in Love

No. 2 in a Series: "Dating and Marriage"

I Corinthians 13

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Elwood Dunn*

Aims of the Topic

1. To determine the meaning of love for our lives as it is defined by Paul.

2. To list some tests that may help in determining if love is real.

Suggested Presentation

Have one person as a moderator and three assistants. The moderator serves as chairman and discussion leader. The assistants present the Scripture stories.

The following order might be used:

The moderator briefly introduces the subject. The first assistant tells the Jacob and Rachel love story, Genesis 29:1-30, followed by discussion led by the moderator. Use a similar procedure with the romance of Samson and Delilah, Judges 16:4-31, and the incident from Ruth 3 and 4 describing the love of Ruth and Boaz. The final discussion should lead to the points by which young people can tell if love is real.

Moderator's Introductory Remarks

The meaning of the expression "falling in love" runs all the way from a small boy's "crush" on his teacher to a deep affection for a person leading to a lifetime of joyous association in marriage. Most young people daydream about falling in love and imagine what the future lover may look like. In tonight's study we will look at three Biblical love stories and discuss them to see if we can determine some guide posts to tell if we are really in love.

Jacob and Rachel

Isaac and Rebekah did not want their son to marry a foreign girl, so they sent him back to their homeland to seek a wife. Laban, Rebekah's brother, still lived in the homeland and Jacob was urged to find a wife from among Laban's daughters. Among the first ones that Jacob met was Rachel, the younger daughter of Laban.

After Jacob had lived in Laban's home for a month he was offered wages for his work. Jacob was willing to work but his price was Rachel in marriage. The two men agreed that seven years' work would earn him the right to marry Rachel. A significant statement is to be found in Genesis 29:20, "And Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed but a few days, for the love he had for her."

Discussion: These questions might be asked: (1) Did the parents of Jacob exercise too much influence in his choice of a wife? (2) What made Jacob fall in love with Rachel instead of Leah? (3) Did he have any control over the direction his love took? (4) How could he be sure it was Rachel he loved?

Samson and Delilah

The writer of the book of Judges says that Samson loved a woman in the valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.

ORDER OF THE PROGRAM

Pre-Meeting Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn: I Need Jesus
Prayer
Choruses
Offering
Hymn: Blessed Assurance
Lesson Period
Benediction

For a long time Samson, with his God-given super strength, had brought disaster upon the Philistines. The Philistine rulers conspired with Delilah to discover the source of Samson's strength. He told her some evasive stories and each attempt to capture him failed. Then Delilah resorted to the complaint that he really didn't love her or he would tell her the truth.

At last he could hold out no longer so he told her his strength was in his Nazarite vow and he would lose his strength if his head were shaven. This was done and he did lose his strength.

Discussion: The moderator might raise these questions: (1) What kind of love did Samson have for Delilah? (2) What was Delilah's interest in Samson? (3) Did she really love him? (4) Which one was the weak one? (5) What bearing did the fact of different nationalities have upon the two people? (6) Did Samson show love by telling where his strength lay?

Ruth and Boaz

Follow the same pattern in relating the story of Ruth and Boaz found in the third and fourth chapters of Ruth. Discuss.

Final Discussion

(Object of the discussion is to determine how a young person can tell if he or she is really in love.)

Falling in love involves many different emotions. Tenderness, bitter anger, joy, fear, disappointment, jealousy, and many other feelings may be involved in love. There seems to be a possible difference in the way each person may feel. Those who claim to have been in love more than once say that each experience is different.

What characteristics are most common to all? These may be a way to help us measure if it is *real* love. Here are a few: Love is outgoing. Love is not self-centered. The lover is more concerned about the loved one's feelings and safety than his own.

Love is creative. Love is stimulating. It makes people happy and often joyous. It usually produces ambition to achieve, acquire and succeed for the sake of the one that is loved.

Love is a "we" feeling. Pete doesn't want to go on a picnic because Jo can't go. He would forego the pleasure of going if he is unable to share it with her. Whether they travel, play, worship, or sing they want to do it together because there is more enjoyment for both in sharing a common experience. Experiment—take the newspa-

per and mark every item you would like to tell or share with the person you love. If you find nothing at all, mark it. You had better think it over.

As love grows we become less concerned about physical appearances. Scott was in love with a young lady of his age, about twenty. For weeks he worried about telling Ellen that he had false teeth. When he finally did she accepted it in the same attitude as if he had said, "I have ten fingers and ten toes." Often early attachments depend on looks but as love grows more real appearance takes on less and less importance.

Love meets needs in each other. Everyone has deep needs that only love can meet. Everyone is so different that each must answer this question for himself, it should not be overlooked. Ask yourself: Do your fears disappear in his confidence? Does your worry over the future vanish in his security? Does your restlessness calm to rest in his calmness?

Let time have a chance. "Never marry a man until you have summered and wintered with him" is good advice; let time help you decide. Samson seems to have fallen quickly for Delilah but Jacob waited many years waiting for Rachel.

Project into the future. Can you see yourself getting up every morning for sixty years and facing that personality? Can you honestly look forward to having all the breakfasts together?

Examine the qualities that Paul described in the person that is marked by love in the 13th chapter of First Corinthians and test yourself.

A Check List

- (1) Do you think more often of the other person than yourself?
- (2) Do you have a "we" feeling in the center of your activity?
- (3) Are you contented with the other person's general physical appearance?
- (4) Are you willing to let some time go by before you decide to marry?
- (5) Do you think that you complement each other?
- (6) Can you resolve differences reasonably and both keep your self-respect?
- (7) Do your interests come together reasonably of the time?
- (8) Do you have real pride and jealousy in your friend's achievements?
- (9) Do you agree on important things like religion and conduct?
- (10) Do you find greater happiness and satisfaction when you are together?

Nine to ten yes answers probably mean you have a pretty stable love. Six to eight yes answers could mean that you may be on the way to real love. Three to five yes answers would hold up, it's probably not yet real. One or two yes answers means it's likely to be infatuation. Take it easy.

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Job, the Loyal

No. 2 in a Series: "Leadership Qualities in Biblical Characters"

Job 13:13-18



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 14

Comments by Charles O. Heyward*

Purpose of the Meeting

To show us that God is constantly good, even when everything seems against us, and that our loyalty to Him, no matter what trouble comes to us, will bring us blessing.

the Leader

First, remember that Job was a real person, not just a character in a story. Those present at the meeting will get more out of the topic if they realize that Job and his experiences were real and that there was a definite purpose in their being included in the Word of God. Though most Junior High school people would find the Book of Job hard to understand, it does contain valuable lessons for Christians, and one of these is in the verses for this topic. Find out all you can about Job from your pastor and others who have studied about him, to add to this material. Encourage many to take part.

Program Outline

Prayer Service
Opening Scripture: Psalm 125:2
Announcements: *Are Ye Able, said the Master; Since Jesus Came into My Heart*
Announcements by the President
Scripture: Job 13:13-18 (Let six young people each read a verse)
Devotional Prayers
Singing; Special Music
Hymn: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
Leader's Introduction
Discussion
Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
Benediction: Psalm 19:14

Leader's Introduction

Job is one of the oldest books in the Bible. Most scholars believe that it was written by someone who was inspired by God to write while others believe that the writer was Job himself. The book is not just an allegory—a story that teaches a lesson—but an actual history. Paul, James, and Jesus themselves either talked about Job or quoted from the book. The 42 chapters include long speeches and much philosophy, but this evening we are only considering a portion of the chapter, in which Job declares his complete trust and confidence in God. First, let us learn a little of the background of this story.

Job's Meet Job

Job lived in the land of Uz, east of Palestine. It is believed that he lived at about the same time as Isaac. He was a man without fault, who feared God and kept away from evil. He was a rich man, with many servants and owning thousands of oxen, camels and other animals. He was blessed with ten children. But Satan, who had been so successful in tempting Adam and Eve, was sure that he could cause Job

to turn from God just by bringing hardship upon him. God accepted this challenge and let Satan take everything from Job, including his children.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think Job was prosperous only because he was a righteous man? Why? (See Matthew 5:45)
2. What mistake was made by Job's friends which many people make today? (Job 4:7,8; 5:17)
3. Does the coming of hardship always mean punishment? Name some faithful Christians you know who have undergone trials and testing.

to turn from God just by bringing hardship upon him. God accepted this challenge and let Satan take everything from Job, including his children.

2. When Job still remained faithful to God, Satan caused Job's entire body to be covered with terrible sores which he did not dare touch with his own hands. Even his wife said, "Curse God and die," but loyal Job answered, "Shall we receive good from God's hand and not evil?" He remained steadfast to his God.

3. As Job sat in utter misery in a pile of ashes, three friends came to comfort him, sitting with him for seven days in silence—the extreme expression of grief. After Job talked about how much he regretted that he was ever born, and cursed the day of his birth, his friends began making long speeches in which they told Job that he was being punished for sins in his life. It was in answer to one of these speeches that Job spoke the words in our Scripture passage for this meeting.

Job's Remarks

1. (Read Job 13:13) Job had "had enough" of his friends' attempts at comforting him. His mind is full of thoughts that he must express, so he demands silence and attention so that he might speak out, come what may.

2. (Read Verse 14) The wild beast carries his prey in his teeth and will not release it lest another take it from him. Likewise, a man holds firmly in his hand that which he is anxious to keep. Job is saying here, "Why should I anxiously desire to hold on to my life?"

3. (Read Verse 15) This is one of the greatest testimonies of faith in the Bible. It declares Job's faith in the justice of God and in his own innocence before God. In the original language, Job is actually saying, "I have no hope that He will not slay me, but even so, I will defend (or prove) my ways before Him." Job's conscience is clear in spite of what his friends have said, and he accepts his conscience as the voice of God. Not to believe his conscience would be to dishonor God.

4. (Read Verse 16) Job knew God as the sinner's hope, whereas none of his three friends could make such a statement. Though he was not of God's chosen people, we can say of him as was said of Abraham,

"He believed in the Lord, and He counted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6). Whether in the Old or in the New Testament, salvation has always been by personal faith in the Lord. As Job says, no hypocrite would dare come before God as he did.

5. (Read Verses 17 and 18) Job, who has listened to long speeches from his three friends, now requests again that they listen to him with full attention. He then makes the bold declaration that he has fully prepared his defense before God and that he is certain that He will declare him righteous. Job knew, better than his friends did, that God always honors those who put their full trust in Him.

Questions

1. In spite of all his misery, what caused Job to still have joy in his heart?
2. What great truth does Job's experience show us? (See Romans 1:17)
3. For what reasons can we say that Job suffered, or that any good person would be made to suffer? (See Job 23:10-14; 14:14; 19:25-27)

The Reward of Loyalty

Though Job knew the Lord as his redeemer and that he would receive the joys of heaven when death finally came, God blessed him abundantly even while he lived, because of his faithfulness and patience. Ask one young person to read Job 1:1-3 (Job's possessions before he suffered) and another to read Job 42:12-15 (what he had after his suffering).

An Illustration

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon used to remind his listeners that a Christian can be compared with a ship. When a shipbuilder builds a ship he does not build it to remain in the dry dock. He builds it for the sea and to weather the storms. When he puts it together he is thinking of the hurricanes which it will encounter. Otherwise he would be a poor shipbuilder.

In the same way, when God redeemed us for Himself through faith in Christ He did not take us immediately to the safety of heaven. He made us to be tried, to suffer hardship and to be tested, that we might be useful to Him and serve Him well, as the ship serves its owner. As the ship is prepared for the storms, so God has given us many wonderful promises in His Word to prepare us for the storms of life.

Closing Meditation

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," we can be modern Jobs. We never know when grief, or great loss, or suffering might come to us, but through these things the Lord will try us and test us for greater service for Him. We must remember that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Read James 1:2-4, Revised Standard Version)

Plans for Marriage

No. 3 in a Series: "Dating and Marriage"

Genesis 2:18; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:4-6



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Rev. George E. Weaver*

Leader's Preparation

1. An attractive poster will do a lot to stimulate interest in the meeting. Such a poster can be easily made from pictures cut from magazines. A young couple can be shown with a misty dream taking place above their heads in which is pictured a wedding ceremony with a home and other items in the background.

2. Arrange for your minister and, if possible, a Christian physician to share in the discussion of this topic. At least confer with them in planning the presentation of this lesson.

Suggested Program

Pre-Meeting Prayer Service

Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*

Scripture: Genesis 2:18; Hebrews 13:4; 19:4-6

Hymn: *Trust and Obey*

Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Presentation and Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Benediction

Leader's Introduction

During the last two weeks we have discussed topics relating to dating and falling in love. Our topic for today deals with the planning which takes place before the wedding ceremony itself.

The marriage ceremony is a solemn, sacred vow between two persons before God. During the ceremony, vows are made which cannot be taken lightly. A lot of serious Christian thinking must go before that moment when each of them says, "I will."

From our Scripture lesson we learn that God has made His will concerning marriage very plain. We shall want to begin our discussion by looking at His Word to determine what His will is concerning marriage and its permanence. Then we shall look at some life illustrations which show some of the problems which should be discussed and planned for before marriage.

God's Pattern for Marriage

The three selections of Scripture tell us that God has ordained marriage. It is His plan for man.

From the passage in Matthew it is apparent that Jesus believed in the sacredness of marriage. We should understand from these words that God's pattern for marriage is that it is "for keeps."

Jesus stated that marriage is for a purpose and that it constitutes a relationship so holy, so sacred, that the obligations of it take precedence over all else.

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LESSON AIMS

1. To help young people understand that marriage is a spiritually and legally binding contract.

2. To help youth learn that marriage therefore must receive careful and prayerful planning and consideration.

God's Word teaches us that this holy relationship unites one man and one woman until death parts them. In marriage, God not only unites two persons, but there is a fusion, a sacred blending of talents, gifts, and unique personality traits.

Because this is God's pattern for marriage, young people need to seriously consider and carefully plan against some of the things which may tend to be used as excuses for divorce.

Finances

Many young people rush into marriage without giving consideration to the question of finances.

It is not the initial cost of the license and ceremony which counts but the upkeep which follows. Plans for the years, as well as money for the day, are important.

The amount of money needed depends upon many things—what you are used to, what you expect to have when you marry, and what you are willing to sacrifice.

Kay, like most other girls, had always dreamed of getting married. Her dreams included all of the lovely things featured in the full-page ads of the bridal magazines. She dreamed of a carefree honeymoon at some enchanted spot. She and her handsome husband would drive up to their beautifully furnished new home in their new car. Everything would be just as the pictures showed it to be.

It was a lovely dream but it didn't come true. For Kay to have received all she expected, her father would have had to be wealthy and her husband-to-be a young man of means.

The fact is that most couples must start married life modestly and gradually through the years build the home of their dreams.

Young people need to plan, to make certain decisions together about money before marriage. Such questions as the vocation of the husband, whether the wife will continue to work, and how the money will be spent should be settled *before* the wedding vows are exchanged.

Religious Practice in the Home

Another question which must be settled before marriage is the question of religious belief.

Love is blind. At least John must have had a blind spot when he decided to ask Pat to marry him. He knew that she was from a devout Catholic home, but what did that matter?

It was not long until he learned that

it mattered a great deal. Pat insisted the wedding would have to be a Catholic service. John would have to receive a course of instruction in the teachings of Catholic church; he would have to sign a wedding agreement promising to abide by the rules of the church and have any children born in the home baptized only in Catholic church and educated in the Catholic faith. He would have to promise not to interfere in Pat's practice of her faith.

John had not bargained for all of this. He merely wanted to marry Pat. But conflicts do not only develop between people of different faiths, but also between people of the same faith. It can happen to Protestant young people who attend different churches.

Young people should agree before marriage that they will attend church regularly and participate actively in its programs. They should decide to which church they will belong. They also should discuss the practice of family devotions and make this a very real part of their home.

Planning the Marriage Ceremony

Ask your minister to participate.

Marriage is a Christian rite. It should not be cheapened by elopement or a makeshift ceremony. Marriage is so important, so sacred, that it deserves a beautiful, satisfying setting. Not only will it mean much to you and your family at the time, but it will become a beautiful memory to cherish.

Plans for the marriage should be made with a visit to the pastor of your church. He can give you wise counsel concerning all the details of the ceremony which should be planned for in advance of that big day.

At the time of meeting with the minister, the couple should discuss freely the spiritual aspects of marriage and seek his help in planning for a Christ-centered home.

Most states require a physical examination and a blood test before the marriage can take place. This is not a matter of inconvenience but a necessity. Young people should make this visit to the physician more than just a routine fulfilling of a requirement. They should seek his advice concerning the physical aspects of marriage. Young people learn much about the marriage relationship which is erroneous. They can do much to insure the happiness of their marriage if they plan wisely at this point.

Questions for Discussion

Are the Biblical standards for marriage workable and valid for our modern young people?

Should young people wait until they are engaged to discover the attitude of the other person concerning religion and marriage?

What are some of the other things which should be agreed upon before marriage?

Isaac, the Patient

No. 3 in a Series: "Leadership Qualities in Biblical Characters"

Genesis 26:17-29



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 21

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper*

Counselor Preparation

A program of counselor-directed activities was not planned for the first of the month, certainly the counselor should make plans for a climax to this month's study. This may be used as a summary of the month's study about these four Bible characters. Further suggestions for this may be found in the Junior High edition of the Program Guide for 1958-59.

Leader Preparation

The leader should know the complete story of the life and works of Isaac. He should be able to point out the important events which Isaac played in the building of the Hebrew nation. Through an interesting review of Isaac's life he should inspire other members of the class to read and study about this great average man.

Program Outline

Meeting Prayer Service
Introduction: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Bible Prayer
Scripture: Genesis 26:17-29
Lesson: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Leader's Introduction
Bible Discussion
Announcements and Offering
Prayer: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Challenge (The counselor or leader, as you desire, may use the words of this song to challenge each member of the group to greater service for Christ and the Church)
Benediction

Lesson Aim

The aim of this lesson is to show that failure is not final.

Isaac and His Failures

Our sixteenth president aspired to the presidency by one failure after another. In his early life he was a failure as a businessman. A store, which he operated with a partner, failed. He ran for representative of his district and was defeated more than once. He ran for the senate of the United States and was defeated. As a soldier in the Black Hawk War of 1832 he felt himself a failure because he saw no fighting. In spite of all these failures Lincoln attained greatness as a president. Why? Because his patience and his ability permitted him to overcome failure and use it as a stepping stone to better things.

The Average Man

Isaac was the son of a great father. He was also the father of a great son. Between Abraham and Jacob he seems just an average person. It was this averageness which makes Isaac stand out as one of the patient leaders of the young Hebrew nation. His

THINGS TO DO

1. Discuss the growth of impatience in the lives of inconsiderate people.
2. Discuss the popularity of people who are considerate and patient.
3. Take an inventory of the lives of impatient people; of patient people.
4. Consider the social adjustment of impatient people.
5. Consider and discuss the job opportunities of patient people.
6. Discuss the effect of Christianity on the lives of people who were once impatient.
7. Compare the patience of Isaac with the patience of Jesus.

ability to accept things as he found them and make the most of the situation gives him a place in the history of God's people.

Qualities of Greatness

In spite of the average role which Isaac played he had many of the qualities which make people great. He was steady, patient, and humble. He sought to follow the leadership of his God. He sought to live peaceably with all men. These characteristics won for him the love of both his friends and his enemies. His willingness to try again in spite of failure paid a rich reward.

The Patience of Isaac

Isaac dug the much-needed wells. His neighbors took them for their herds. Isaac dug other wells. His neighbors also possessed them. Isaac dug a third group of wells. His determination to succeed won the respect of the neighbor-opponents. Here is proof that patience is stronger than weapons. Had Isaac used tools of destruction to protect his property the neighbors might have been defeated, but they would not have been convinced that Isaac's God rules through humility.

The Value of Patience

Isaac's acceptance by his neighbor-opponents proved the value of patience. He accomplished a purpose which would otherwise have been lost. He won the highest honor which only God can give to man. It is true that this brand of patience often is costly in material wealth, but it has a high value in spiritual wealth.

Patience Today

In our time of cold war and uncertainty we need the brand of patience which was shown by Isaac. We need men who think in terms of spiritual worth. We need leaders who are willing to compromise for the sake of peace and neighborliness. Until we have this we will continue to have threats of war and violence. We will continue to have hate and oppression. Only through patience and love can we win the respect of our neighbors.

Diplomatic Patience

In our modern world of cold war we need to have patience and work in diplomatic ways to overcome tension and confusion.

We need to realize that God works things out in His own way and in His own time. If we are hasty and take matters into our own hands we will only cause more confusion and hardship. If, through patience, we can resolve the issues without bloodshed we will have accomplished our purpose and at the same time will have given glory to God's work.

Rewards of Patience

The rewards of patience are many. Isaac was rewarded by the knowledge that he had done right. He was rewarded by the close communion which he had with his neighbors. He was rewarded materially in that his herds and flocks were not destroyed. We can have the same type of rewards. In fact, in this age of atomic warfare our rewards can be much greater and more lasting.

Developing Patience

Patience is not just an inborn trait; we must develop it by study and prayer. We must plan for patient reactions. We must consider the historical facts and see that patience is the most worthwhile course of action. When we understand the facts and consider the possibilities we can see that we must develop patience or be destroyed.

The best time to form good habits such as patience is while we are yet young. The habit of patience formed now will carry over into our adult life. An impatient attitude now will cause us much conflict and hardship in the future.

How to Start

As a starter for building the habit of patience we must consider the factors which make us impatient. These may be summed up in a few thoughts. First, we must think of the determinations of others. We must realize that others may want things which are contrary to our desires. Second, we should realize that our own rights will be considered in the rights of the whole group. When we fail to understand these two things we become impatient.

Our attitudes, including patience, must be considered in the light of God's desires for us. When we know that God wants patient and loving people we will put forth greater effort to please Him.

Patience comes by prayer, consideration of others, and love of God and His way.

Hear and Be Heard (Questions and Answers)

1. How are calmness and patience related?
2. How does patience overcome many obstacles in our path?
3. How can patience overcome tension in our modern way of life?
4. What is the relationship between love and patience?
5. How can impatience destroy our Christian hope?

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With This Ring...

No. 4 in a Series: "Dating and Marriage"

Matthew 19:6; Genesis 2:21-24; Ephesians 5:21-25,28,29

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Dr. Lawrence M. Bixler*

Promoting the Meeting

An imitation wedding ring or a drawing of a wedding ring could be used as the center of a display or poster advertising the meeting. Since this is the traditional season for weddings a good deal of interest is present which can be utilized for stimulating attendance at this meeting. Invitations which resemble wedding announcements could be sent.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Meeting Prayer Service
Prelude: *Begin Each Day with Jesus*
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Scripture: Matthew 19:6; Genesis 2:21-24;
Ephesians 5:21-25,28,29
Hymn: *I Need Jesus*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Solo: *I Love You Truly or Because*
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic
Life Problem Discussion
Consecration Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie*
Benediction

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the topic tonight is to develop an understanding of the meaning of marriage through a study of the marriage vows.

For the Leader

This is the last of a series of topics which show the seriousness and importance of Christian marriage. Consideration has been given to dating, falling in love, and planning for marriage. Tonight our concern is with the meaning of marriage.

More people are getting married today than at any time in the history of the world. Not only is this true numerically but it is also true percentage-wise. It is also to be noted that more is expected of marriage today. In former generations when people married they seemed to make the best of the situation even though they might not be overly happy. Today we feel that above all else we must "be happy."

There is good evidence today that all are not happily married. Divorce has increased greatly in western culture. There is also a rising number of desertions and an increase in general marital discontent. What factors have contributed to this? How can people be helped to find more meaning in marriage? Would an examination of the wedding vows help us in gaining a better understanding of marriage? This is the point of our discussion tonight.

Presentation of the Topic

As we talk about the meaning of marriage it needs to be realized that meaning is derived from a relationship of some kind. There may be various kinds of relationships

such as causal, purposive, or personal. Marriage derives its richest meaning from a personal frame of reference. The marital relationship is of concern to many persons.

First of all, marriage is of concern to God. Marriage was instituted by God. This is declared in both the marriage vows and the Scriptures. In Genesis 2:18 we read: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helpmate for him." This fact of God's intent that man should marry is acknowledged in the New Testament writings which are cited in connection with this discussion.

Marriage concerns society. The marriage ceremony is very important before the law. From a legal point of view marriage is a legal contract. The contract is established when the vows have been exchanged before witnesses by the proper authority. In every contract there are benefits to be received and responsibilities to be shared. The law regulates such matters as the man's responsibility for the support of his family. Also matters of health, such as blood tests, are required by law for the protection of society.

While the law fixes the general limits of responsibility, it never can completely control the lives of those involved in marriage. If it did it would destroy the personalities of the people who were controlled. Law can never be an adequate basis for the mutual sharing necessary in marriage. It is only when a couple love each other with the kind of love which Paul upholds in I Corinthians 13:1-13 that the couple can meet the problems of life in a satisfactory manner. The law can never create this love, but if law is to be effective it must assume that it is present.

Social psychologists and psychiatrists alike are emphasizing the importance of marital adjustment in the development of mental health in children.

Marriage concerns families. Marriage marks the establishment of a new family. It also effects a change in the structure of two other families. It is according to God's order that children are not the permanent property of the family. Children come into the world almost completely dependent upon their parents. During the years of growth and development they become more and more independent.

While the young married people make their own decisions in regard to problems of everyday living, it is also true that the kind of relationship that they maintain with their former families can be very significant to their own marriage and family life.

Marriage concerns the individuals who marry. The intimate relationship of marriage demands many adjustments in the lives of the people entering it. People seldom foresee their particular problem. Marriage often provides the conditions in which personality problems are made prominent. Sometimes people marry to satisfy neurotic

needs rather than basic personality needs. This explains many marital difficulties. For example, a man marries a certain type of woman that resembles his mother. On one hand, he complains about being bossed while on the other hand he rather unconsciously likes it. The fact is that the man was so dependent on his mother that he married his wife as a sort of a mother substitute.

A Problem Case

Mary married a non-Christian man, John, before they were married to each other. John agreed before they were married that Mary "could have her own religion." As time passed John complained because his wife was away so much attending church meetings. He also complained because she wanted to tithe. John would say, "The church is all right, but it doesn't need to live down there." And Mary would say, "The church is all right, but it doesn't need to give money." All churches are interested in, is money. Mary would say, "The church is all right, but you don't need to get carried away with it."

Mary could stay home from church and not give to the church. But as a member of the church she knows this would be contrary to all the teaching of the New Testament.

What is Mary's basic problem? First, she has not realized that the Christian faith is concerned with all areas of living. Secondly, one reared in the Christian faith cannot feel right about becoming indifferent to that which is of supreme importance.

What do you think Mary should do? It is important that she should show love and respect toward John. On the other hand, she should expect the same from John. John could go with her to some of the functions it might help him to understand what the church means to Mary. Mary perhaps could see that she has opportunity to accompany John to places of interest and that him providing such places are not contrary to her moral standards.

What can the church do? The people of the church need to become acquainted with John and make him feel welcome at church activities. Mary needs to be understood and encouraged.

What can be done to prevent such problems? Courses and discussions in preparation for marriage and family living help to give a broad understanding of marriage. The seriousness of inter-church and inter-faith marriages can be discussed freely.

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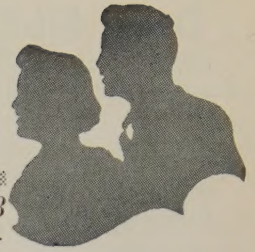
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Elijah, the Faithful

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I Kings 19:13-18



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 28

Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr.*

Content of the Topic

To teach young people that if, in all of their activities, they are faithful to God, He will be faithful to them.

Advertising the Meeting

Select a young person to announce the meeting in Sunday school: "Be sure to plan to come to Junior High Christian Endeavor tonight. Your interest will be captivated by a socio-drama which stars such notables as (introduce the three young people in the play) and have them appear before the audience (Sunday school)." The actors can present a series of lines of dialogue from the play. The announcer might conclude with something like this, "Don't miss the end of this thrilling episode. What will this young man decide? How will his decision affect his life and the lives of his parents? Come tonight and find out. We begin at 7 o'clock in the Christian Endeavor meeting room."

Suggested Program Outline

Let the young people gather informally around the piano to sing a few choruses as they arrive. At the time the meeting is to begin, have them assemble for silent meditation while the pianist plays one or two choruses of *Near to the Heart of God*. Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
Invocation
Prayers
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Presentation of Tithes and Gifts
Announcements
Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Scripture Presentation
Socio-Drama of Life Problem
Scripture
Presentation of Scriptural Truth
Application of Scriptural Truth
Discussion of Questions
Closing Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Benediction

Suggestions for the Counselor

Suggest to the topic leader the person to act about borrowing supplies for a flannelgraph board.
Be ready to assist the three young people chosen for the drama. They may want some help in creating the dialogue. (Your role is to stimulate their thinking, not to write the dialogue for them.) Help them see, in the role that each is portraying, how they might react in the same situation.
Encourage the use of the socio-drama. It involves the young people in the Christian faith which the lesson is trying to portray. Pray for your young people in all of their activities.

How to Prepare

Acquaint yourself with the life of Elijah. Read particularly I Kings 18 and 19.

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After you have read, pray for insight and illumination. Do not minimize the importance of this step.

Ask the pianist to be at the meeting a few minutes early to play a few choruses.

Notify three young people of the role they are to play in the socio-drama. One is to play the role of the father, another the role of the mother and another that of a young person. Merely suggest to them the following plot and then let them write the dialogue for a five minute drama. The three people constitute a family. The father is out of work. A friend of the mother requests the help of the older son to work in a bowling alley on Sunday evening. Because of the economic situation, the father encourages his son to accept the job. Because of social pressure, the mother encourages him also. The young man is aware of his family responsibilities but he is also aware of his desire to be faithful to (1) the Christian Endeavor society of which he is a member, (2) the youth choir which sings in church every Sunday evening, (3) the church, which has services every Sunday evening and (4) his own conviction that Sunday should be kept holy.

How to Begin

Have the socio-drama presented. Comment briefly upon it by reviewing the possibilities which are open to the young man. Also place emphasis on the fact that he stands alone in his religious convictions within his family.

How to Proceed

Ask questions as a means of stimulating some discussion. What would you do in a similar situation? What are the various possibilities open to the young man? By taking an active part in the Sunday morning activities of his church does he completely fulfill his responsibility to his Master? How far is a Christian expected to go in his faithfulness?

Suggest that a Christian approach to the problem can be found in God's Word. Have the group turn in their Bibles to Exodus 19:13-18. Have a good reader present this passage or have the group read in unison.

Explain in your own words the scriptural story. Make use of your study of the additional background material. As an aid to the telling of the story, use a flannel board or blackboard.

After the story is told, apply the truth derived from the Scripture to the problem of the young person depicted in the drama. (1) Both the young man and Elijah are aware of their relationship to God. (2) Both of them are faced with a problem because of this awareness. (3) Both have been forsaken by family and friends. (4) Both of them stand alone in their convictions.

How to Conclude

In the conclusion of your topic, bring into view the results which comes to one who is

faithful. This can be accomplished by asking, "If the young man in the story remains faithful to his convictions, will he be 'worse off' or 'better off' than if he chose to take the job?"

Of course, the answer to this question depends upon where you stand in life. If you look at life from a self-centered point of view, you might conclude that the young man is passing up a golden opportunity to be of service to his family and at the same time help himself. However, if you view life from a God-centered standpoint, you can conclude that a person never "loses out" by being faithful to the truth as found in God through Jesus Christ.

This statement is based not upon a fanciful imagination nor is it "positive thinking" alone. It is a conclusion which is based upon the facts of reality. Refer now to the results in Elijah's life: (1) the enemy was defeated, (2) Elijah was protected, (3) another prophet was prepared, and (4) the work was carried on.

From these facts we can conclude that God is concerned not only about the spiritual areas of life, but He is concerned about all of life. He meets all of the needs of those who are faithful to Him. Believing this, one can surmise that the possibilities will arise for the hero of our drama whereby another job opportunity will present itself by which he will be able to help his family and train himself for a future of service to God and his fellow man at the same time.

This paraphrase of that well-known verse, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6) will illuminate the truth of the topic: "In every experience of life be faithful unto God and He shall be faithful unto thee."

Questions for Discussion

In what areas of my life can I show more faithfulness?

In what practical ways can I express my faithfulness to my Saviour? To my Christian Endeavor society? To my family? To my own convictions? To myself?

Alternative Lesson Plans

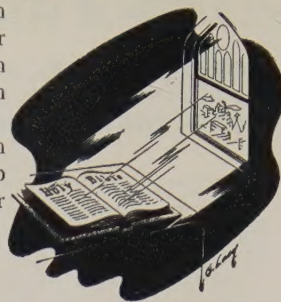
If you do not choose to enact the true life situation drama, then tell the story which the drama depicts. Follow through with the rest of the lesson as suggested.

Another topic form in which the suggestions of this lesson can be used and applied can be found in *A Program Guide for Christian Endeavor Societies*, Junior High Edition, for 1958-59. This can be secured from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. The cost is now just 15c. As suggested, use the pattern of the television show, "You Are There" in presenting the scriptural story of Elijah. Then follow with the life situation problem as found above.

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for June, 1959. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

- M., June 1. Esther's Preparation. Esther 2:1-11.
T., June 2. Esther Chosen Queen. Esther 2:15-18.
W., June 3. Esther's Patriotic Friend. Esther 2:21-23.
T., June 4. Esther's Opportunity. Esther 4:1-9.
F., June 5. Esther's Success. Esther 8:1-8.
S., June 6. Esther Decrees a Holiday. Esther 9:20-22, 26-32.
Sun., June 7. Topic—Esther, the Courageous. Esther 4:11-5:5.
M., June 8. Loyalty in Calamity. Job 1:13-22.
T., June 9. Loyalty in Spite of Mate. Job 2:7-10.
W., June 10. Acknowledging God's Justice. Job 9:1-4.
T., June 11. Job Waits. Job 14:13-22.
F., June 12. Job's Confidence. Job 19:25-27.
S., June 13. Job's Humility. Job 42:1-6.
Sun., June 14. Topic—Job, the Loyal, Job 13:13-18.
M., June 15. Patient Obedience. Genesis 22:7-13.
T., June 16. Possessing Patience. Luke 21:14-19.
W., June 17. The Value of Patience. Ecclesiastes 7:8-10.
T., June 18. Patience Required. James 5:7,8.
F., June 19. A Christian Characteristic. II Peter 1:5-7.
S., June 20. A Cause for Glory. II Thessalonians 1:3,4.
Sun., June 21. Topic—Isaac, the Patient. Genesis 26:17-29.
M., June 22. Hold Fast. Hebrews 4:14-16.
T., June 23. Be Steadfast. I Corinthians 15:57,58.
W., June 24. Be Strong. II Timothy 2:1-5.
T., June 25. Moses Was Faithful. Numbers 12:6-8.
F., June 26. Building the Wall. Nehemiah 4:1-6.
S., June 27. Rewards of Faithfulness. Luke 19:12-19.
Sun., June 28. Topic—Elijah, the Faithful. I Kings 19:13-18.

- W., June 3. Keep Clean. I Corinthians 6:15-20.
T., June 4. Practice the Golden Rule. Luke 6:31.
F., June 5. Watch Your Influence. I Corinthians 8:9-13.
S., June 6. God's Standards. Psalm 24:3-5.
Sun., June 7. Topic—How to Rate on a Date. II Timothy 2:22; I Thessalonians 4:4,5; I Timothy 4:12.
M., June 8. Approved of God. Genesis 2:18,21-24.
T., June 9. Unselfish Love. Romans 12:9,10.
W., June 10. True Love Is of God. I John 4:7-11.
T., June 11. The King Loves Esther. Esther 2:16-18.
F., June 12. Love's Labor Is Light. Genesis 29:16-20.
S., June 13. Isaac and Rebecca. Genesis 24:63-67.
Sun., June 14. Topic—Falling in Love. I Corinthians 13.
M., June 15. Paul Recommends Marriage. I Timothy 5:14.
T., June 16. Not Unequally Yoked. II Corinthians 6:14,15.
W., June 17. Marriage Is Permanent. I Corinthians 7:10,11.
T., June 18. A Good Example. I Timothy 3:8-12.
F., June 19. Counsel for the Home. Proverbs 15:1-10.
S., June 20. Jesus Attends a Wedding. John 2:1-11.
Sun., June 21. Topic—Plans for Marriage. Genesis 2:18; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:4-6.
M., June 22. The Law of Marriage. Romans 7:2,3.
T., June 23. The Strength of Love. Solomon's Song 8:6,7.
W., June 24. Marriage Is Hallowed. Proverbs 18:22; 19:14.
T., June 25. Wives Obey Your Husbands. Ephesians 5:22-24.
F., June 26. Husbands Love Your Wives. Ephesians 5:25-28.
S., June 27. Till Death Us Do Part. Mark 10:6-9.
Sun., June 28. Topic—With This Ring . . . Matthew 19:6; Genesis 2:21-24; Ephesians 5:21-25, 28,29.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

- M., June 1. Wonderful. Proverbs 30:18,19.
T., June 2. Choose Companions Wisely. Deuteronomy 7:1-4.

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Topics for JUNE

- June 7. A Leader Uses His Talents. Matthew 25:14-30.
June 14. Paul Turns About-Face. Acts 9:1-18.
June 21. Paul Answers God's Call. Acts 16:9-31.
June 28. Paul in Time of Danger. Acts 23:10-35.

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COMING EVENTS

For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences which will be held in the next few months. Remember them in your daily Quiet Hour.

- JUNE**
1-4—West Virginia, Buckhannon
18-21—Michigan, Muskegon
18-21—Ohio, Columbus
18-21—Texas, LaMarque
19-21—District of Columbia, Camp Wabanna, Maryland (Conference)
20-27—Massachusetts, Northfield (Summer Conference)
22-28—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
25-28—California, San Diego
28-July 1—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Conference)
JULY
6-11—45th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
AUGUST
1-8—Ontario, Chesley Lake (Summer Conference)
8-15—New York, Lake Canandaigua (Summer Conference)
10-14—Virginia, Bridgewater
27-29—Indiana, Indianapolis
30-September 5—Oregon, Camp Adams (Leadership Training Conference)
31-September 7—Missouri, Troy (Summer Conference)

Planning an Estate ?



The preparation of a Christian will is an act of Christian stewardship. There is no way of having your wishes carried out unless you make a will. If you do make a will you have assurance that your wishes will be carried out. Consult your lawyer. Include the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your will.

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NEWS

from around the world

Clair E. Beatty, member of the Topics Committee of the International Society, was chosen in a nationwide selection as one of twenty Presbyterian ministers for the winter session of the Presbyterian Institute of Industrial Relations. Mr. Beatty spent three weeks on the campus of McCormick Seminary in Chicago.

The April issue of THE HIGH CALL, published by the Burma Christian Endeavor Union, announces an art contest for Burma Christian Endeavorers. All drawings, paintings and sketches must be originals and typical of Burmese life and nature. It is planned by the Burma Union to send many of the entries to the International Convention in Philadelphia for exhibit on Christian Endeavor in Burma.

Governor Mark Hatfield was one of the scheduled speakers at the Oregon Convention held in Astoria April 16-19. "Christ My King" was the convention theme.

En Elden and Alice Buck and their two daughters arrived on the island of Ponape in Micronesia, where they are serving as missionaries, a Christian Endeavor Rally was in progress. En writes, "Imagine my surprise when walking up to the church I saw everyone on the outside looking in the windows, the inside was packed too—people sitting and standing in the aisles and doorways and windows. The balcony on the sides looked as if it would fall any minute from the weight so many people. The whole evening was one of song." Over 100 people were present at the meeting. There are Christian Endeavor societies in all of the churches on the island of Kusaie and the Bucks translate the Christian Endeavor topics into the Saian language. Elden is a former president of Orange County (California) Union and the son of Dr. Carlton C. Buck of Ellerton.

"Come Home to God—Go on with Christ" was the theme of the 60th annual convention of the National Christian Endeavor Union of Wales held at Swansea over Easter week end. Newly-elected president is Rev. John Edwards.

Louis (Missouri) Endeavorers held their 30th annual Easter Sunrise Service at Shenandoah Theater with Rev. Charles A. Hanson, pastor of Kingsland Memorial Presbyterian Church, speaking on "The Mystery of the Empty Tomb." The Roosevelt High School a cappella choir sang and music was provided by the Salvation Army Band. The committee for this service, which was the second largest in the St. Louis area, was headed by George Garnier, who was chairman of the committee for the last sunrise service.

Westchester County (New York) Union officers were installed at the annual convention February 23 at Park Hill-First Reformed Church, Yonkers. Ruth Anne Robinson, re-elected president, is standing at the center of the front row. The officers were installed by Mrs. William Tenheimer, past president of the New York State Union. Convention theme was "For Christ to Live in Me." Activities included conferences, a banquet, and special sessions for Juniors.

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Officers from Lane and Willamette District Unions met at University Christian Church, Eugene, Oregon, on March 16 to counsel with Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society. On a nine-day field trip throughout the entire state, Mr. Jeffery contacted over 900 persons, participated in six evening rallies, two county conventions, five conferences for union officers, and one conference for sponsors and leaders. A total of 69 decisions were recorded.

Roanoke (Virginia) Endeavorers participated in an Easter Sunrise Service with Rev. Floyd Diehm, pastor of Belmont Christian Church, bringing the message. James A. Price of Westminster Presbyterian Church directed the Christian Endeavor Choir; Nancy Pringle served as organist.

June has been set as National Recreation Month, with the first Sunday designated as Recreation Sunday. Church youth will have a special opportunity to show the spiritual and moral values of recreation during the month. The theme for the 1959 observance is "Find New Worlds Through Recreation." Groups wishing additional information and materials should write to Public Information and Education, National Recreation Association, 8 West Eighth Street, New York 11, New York.



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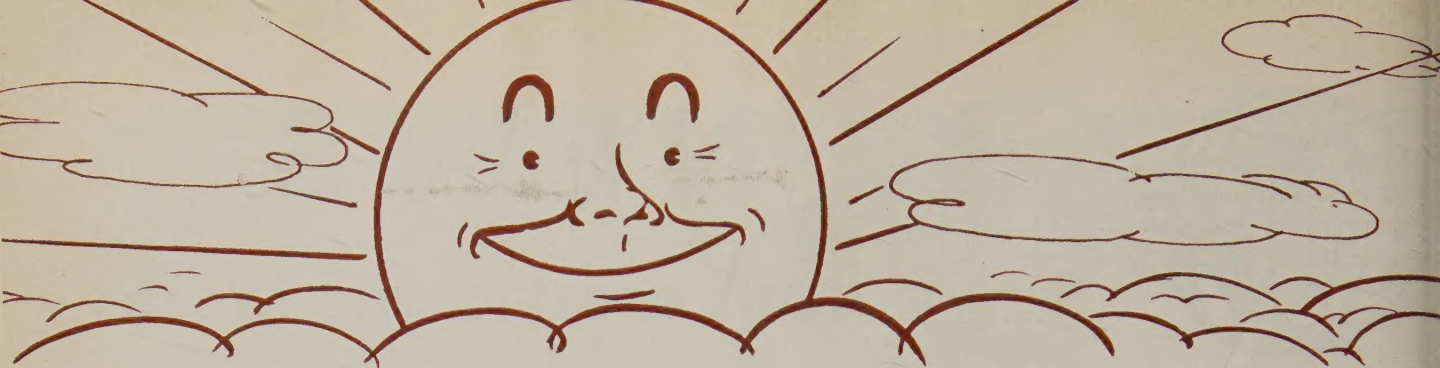


Kate Vanderberg



Harry A. Shuster, Jr.

The topic comments of these new writers appear in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Mr. Weaver is editor-in-chief of United Brethren Publications, with headquarters in Huntington, Indiana. In his home church at Pixley, California, he served as president of the high school society and as a Tulare County union officer. He has also served as pastor-counselor of the Franklin County (Pennsylvania) Union. Miss Vanderberg, whose home is in Chicago, is a teacher at Timothy Christian High School in Cicero. A member of First Reformed Church of Englewood, she is a graduate of Hope College and was formerly active in the Chicago Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Shuster is pastor of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church of Palmerton, Pennsylvania. He is serving as High School Christian Endeavor Department Counselor for the East Pennsylvania Conference of his denomination and is active in the Montgomery County Christian Endeavor Union.



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